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Study Guide:

State and Local Government

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1. What documents establishes the power of our state government?

2. What are the three branches of our state government?

3. What is the name of Virginia’s Legislative branch?

4. What terms means Virginia’s legislature has two houses?

5a. How many members in the Virginia Senate?

5b. How many members in the Virginia House of Delegates?

6. Who is the head of Virginia’s executive branch?

7. How many years can the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General serve?

8. What branch contains the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Cabinet?

9. What are the four major levels of courts in Virginia?

10. What is a system of government called that divides power between the national and state government?

11. Which government is the considered the supreme government in federalism?

12. What are powers not given to the national government reserved for?

13. What are powers not given to either the national or state government called?

14. Which government has the responsibility to promote public health, safety, and welfare?

15. Which government has the responsibility to conduct foreign policy, regulate interstate commerce, and provide for the common defense?

17. Who makes laws for the state of Virginia?

18. **TRUE/FALSE:** States laws can violate the Constitution of the United States.

19. A state bill is introduced in the General Assembly. What happens next?

20. What happens in the next step in the state lawmaking process?

21. After the bill is approved in each house of the General Assembly who needs to sign it before it becomes a **state** law?

22. Education, Public Health, Revenue, and Taxes are all primary responsibilities for what level of government?

23. What branch of Virginia’s government approves the budget?

24. What issue is the state government concerned with when they are protecting natural resources and improving water quality in the Chesapeake Bay?

25. Who plays the same role in our state’s executive branch as the President?

26. What document lists the powers of the Governor and the General Assembly?

27. Cabinet secretaries and departments, agencies, commissions, and regulatory groups all help who enforce the laws?

28. Who is the commander-in-chief of Virginia’s armed forces?

29. When the Governor serves as the Chief Legislator he gives an annual speech called –